

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 23-420**

26 June 2023

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting

**1. For the period from the 1st of March 2022 to the 28th of February 2023,**  
**(a) how many patients were admitted to your hospitals with the following SNOMED codes,**  
**(b) how long did they stay in the hospital in terms of the average length of stay,**  
**(c) how many were readmitted within 30, 60 and 90 days, and**  
**(d) how many wards were they admitted to during their stay?**

Please see the attached document.

**If it is not possible to supply any part of this information, please provide as much information as possible.**

**2. How was their respiratory rate incorporated into the NEWS2 record and EHR or similar system for the patients admitted with these codes?**

Please note, the Trust does not hold the data in a format that would enable us to fully respond to your request to the level of detail required and a manual trawl for this information would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty-day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

**Please describe as closely as possible the process and systems used.**

Respiratory Rate with News 2 would be used digitally using CareFlow Vitals (by System C) electronic observations, for those clinical areas that use vitals.

Some areas like Weston ED use paper NEWS 2

Intensive care areas use Phillips ICCA monitoring.

**3. Was any digital or remote patient monitoring of respiratory rate used to monitor these patients?**

**If yes, what form did this monitoring take, and who was the supplier or manufacturer?**

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This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Data Protection Officer  
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust  
Trust Headquarters  
Marlborough Street  
Bristol  
BS1 3NU

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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